CHAPTER XIII

BACK TO CANTON—VIA HONGKONG

Dr. Sun Yat-sen, it may be remembered, was compelled to leave Canton in 1918 by the Kwangsi-Yunnan militarists. He was able to return in 1920 because General Chen Chiung-ming, with his "Kwangtung for the Kwangtungese'' movement, had defeated the Kwangsi-Yunnan forces and virtually driven them out of the Province. Expelled from Canton again in 1922 by General Chen Chiung-ming, who opposed his grandiose schemes of conquest, and the exactions they imposed upon the population, he proceeded to intrigue with the Kwangsi-Yunnan leaders to encompass General Chen's overthrow. They succeeded in retaking Canton, and on January 27, 1923, Dr. Sun had actually arranged to sail for the South to re-establish his *' constitutional Government'' when word reached him that the successful militarists were no longer anxious for his support. "To put it plainly" said the *China Weekly Review,* at the time, <f they used Dr. Sun's money to recapture Canton and eliminate General Chiung-ming, and after achieving their object they had no further use for the 'liberator/ *' The same Journal, on February 10, accused Dr. Sun of preaching disarmament on

the one hand, and "supplying funds and moral support for an example of the worst and most mediaeval type of tribal warfare with which China had been cursed in recent years/'